

## **RESOLUTION NO. 13-958**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that Jack D. Lashley, at age 85, completed a Bachelor of Arts degree from Chicago State University (CSU) in Chicago, Illinois, on August 3, 2013; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lashley earned a B.A. degree in the Individualized Curriculum Program with a concentration in Physics/Chemical Studies. The degree will be awarded on behalf of CSU by Dr. Garland Dulan, Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Oakwood University. The commencement in Chicago will be viewed live during a celebration of Mr. Lashley's success on Thursday, December 19, 2013, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon in the Multipurpose Room of the Oakwood University Church in Huntsville, Alabama; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lashley is married to Dr. Rose Yates-Lashley. They are the proud parents of three adult children: Darrick D. (Alicia) Lashley, Donna Lashley Allen (Deceased), Jacklyn Lashley McIntosh, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lashley graduated from Manassas High School, Memphis, Tennessee, in June 1947. began his undergraduate studies as a Pre-med student at Oakwood College (now Oakwood University) from 1949-1951, attended Chicago Teachers College (now Chicago State University) from 1955-1960, readmitted to CSU via the Nontraditional Degree Program, completed B.A. degree, Individualized Curriculum Program with a concentration in Physics/Chemical Studies, CSU, on August 3, 2013 with Commencement on December 19, 2013; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lashley served from 1952-1954 in the United States Armed Forces during the Korean War and received an honorable discharge in 1954. During February 1953, he completed 14 weeks training as an Operating Room Technician, Percy Jones Army Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lashley accepted a job with the Chicago Northwestern Railroad in Chicago, Illinois, where he served from 1951-1952. In 1954, he began a career with the U.S. Postal Service in Chicago that lasted 31 years, retiring in February 1985. From November 1985-December 1994 he served as a Substitute Teacher with Huntsville City Schools, Huntsville, Alabama; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lashley's Service Awards include: received recognition for service and contribution to the church and community from the Disabilities Ministry Committee, Oakwood College Church on May 4, 2002; and received Certificate of Appreciation for more than 100 hours of valuable service to the Huntsville Adventist Community Services Center (HACSC) on April 1, 2006 and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lashley was a volunteer for 20 years with the Huntsville Adventist Community Services Center (HACSC) located at 1705 Pulaski Pike, Huntsville, Alabama. He was voted Associate Director of HACSC in 2008, which was a tribute to his dedication and passion for helping the less fortunate. The HACSC ministry, started in 1992 by the late Mrs. Chessie Harris, is a recognized faith-based agency. It is the first Adventist community services agency in the state of Alabama. Today, this small ministry is providing "giant services" in Huntsville. In a recent report, the Center provided

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15,877 families with emergency food assistance. This number represented approximately 50% of the individuals who were below the poverty level in Madison County. The HACSC serves the working poor, homeless, and poverty-stricken individuals, couples, seniors, singles, and families with children. Before the HACSC was officially organized, Jack assisted Mrs. Harris for five years in providing services to the elderly and disabled. He delivered meals on wheels, and provided transportation for medical appointments, shopping, and recreational activities.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lashley is a dedicated member of Oakwood University Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) Church serving as a Sabbath School Teacher for a total of 50 plus years at Oakwood SDA Church and Shiloh SDA Church in Chicago, Ill. Jack was also a church elder for over 30 years, served in the treasury departments, and sang in the church choirs (tenor voice) at Oakwood and Shiloh.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that we extend our sincerest congratulations and recognition to Jack D. Ashley for completing his Bachelor of Arts Degree more than 60 years after he first began his undergraduate studies. We wish him much success for all future endeavors.

**ADOPTED** on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

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President of the City Council of the  
City of Huntsville, Alabama

**APPROVED** on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama